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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Jamieson W. Fish

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 April 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 19 April 2001 has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Payton (US 5,790,435.)

4. Regarding claim 1, Payton teaches a system for the distribution of audio and video files, comprising a central database with audio or video files (See Fig. 2 Repository 34 and Col. 4 lines 44-60), local processing means for processing and playing of such files (See Fig. 2 Playback device 32 and Col. 4 lines 44-54) and a transmission network for the transmission of such files from the central database to the local processing means (See Fig. 2, Fig. 9 and Col. 4 lines 44-54), characterized by a processor for selecting a collection of files from the database by means of a selection algorithm and storing that selection in a selection file (See Fig. 2 Scheduling Processor 46 Col. 5 lines 6-45), as well as for transferring, via the transmission network to the local processing means of a subscriber, replica's of both the selection file and the selected files themselves, the local selection means being able to play the selected files via

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playing means, under control of the selection file (See Col. 5 lines 55-67, Col. 6 lines 1-50). ✓

5. Regarding claim 2, Payton teaches the system characterized in that the processor periodically replaces, under control of a refreshing algorithm, part of the collection of selected files by files which are selected once again from the database (See Col. 6 lines 51-67, Col. 7 lines 1-12).

6. Regarding claim 3, Payton teaches the system characterized in that the processor selects, on the basis of one or more selection algorithms, different collections of files and stores these selections in different selection files, which are transferred to the local processing means via the transmission network (See Col. 6 lines 26-31 The user has a list of recommended items and a list of other items), the local processing means comprising a local selection device for selecting, according to the desire of the subscriber, one of those different selection files (See Col. 6 lines 26-31 There is a list of recommended items and a list of other available items).

7. Regarding claim 4, Payton teaches the system characterized in that the local selection device stores consecutive choices made by the subscriber, in a log file, the processor reading out the selections stored in the local selection device and periodically replacing part of the collection of selected files by files selected once again from the database (See Col. 6 lines 40-67, Col. 7 lines 1-12 User profiles which include information about which items were used are sent to the central distribution server this information is used to send a user an updated list).

Conclusion


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamieson W. Fish whose telephone number is 571-272-7307. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's primary, Ngoc Vu can be reached on 571-272-7320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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